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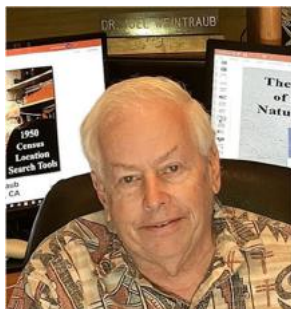
October Presentation:

Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 10 am

HERE COMES THE 1950 US CENSUS!

WHAT TO EXPECT (VIA ZOOM)

BY DR. JOEL WEINTRAUB



The U. S. 1950 census will become public on April 1, 2022. Joel will prepare us for its debut by covering what is a census, who uses the census, census caveats, how the 1950 census was taken, training of enumerators, enumerator instruction manuals, census sampling, 1950 population and housing forms, census questions, post enumerations codes, 1950 undercount, and a summary of the results. Joel will conclude with a discussion on his and Steve Morse's 1950 locational tools, online (and free!), now at the <https://stevemorse.org> website. Those 1950 utilities took almost 8 years to produce with the help of under 70 volunteers, involve 230,000 or so searchable 1950 census district definitions with about 79,000 more small community names added, and street indexes for over 2,400 1950 urban areas that corre-

late with 1950 census district numbers.

Joel Weintraub, a New Yorker by birth, is an emeritus Biology Professor at California State University, Fullerton. He became interested in genealogy over 20 years ago, and volunteered for 9 years at the National Archives in southern California. Joel helped produce location tools for the 1900 through 1950 federal censuses, and the NY State censuses for NYC (1905, 1915, 1925) for the Steve Morse "One-Step" website. He has published articles on the U.S. census and the 72-year rule, the name change belief and finding difficult passenger records at Ellis Island, and searching NYC census records with the problems of NYC geography. He has a YouTube channel that has his genealogy (and biology) talks at "JDW Talks". There are now well over a dozen videos concerning the 1950 census on that channel. ■

A link to the meeting will be sent out to all members a few days prior to the meeting. If you have any Zoom questions or issues, please contact Steve Watty at 925-766-6706 or Bill George at wiliamcgeorge@gmail.com.

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Notes on the Sept Presentation:

Tuesday Sept 21, 2021

CITING SOURCES: THE GOOD, BAD & THE UGLY BY: DIANA ELDER

Notes by Russ Erickson

Her email: Diana@familylocket.com. Her podcast: Research Like a Pro; Citation is an Art. She notes Elizabeth Mills book "Fundamentals of Citations"

Good: Clearly state your source and where to access it.

Bad: lacking in details.

Ugly: good information but long and confusing. Non-existent, such as a family story.

Sources include books, microfilm, photos, websites.

Identify your source location and details and where they are held. Include all if writing a family genealogy story.

Evaluate and analyze each source; understand it.

Be able to find it again. It shows the depth of your work. Source should include

Who created,

What,

When,

Where it is, and

Within what.

Who could be either a person or entity. *What* includes books, articles, websites; put in italics. For websites, add the access date, as URLs change. If on the web, find the original source also when possible as it often contains much more information. Get microfilm numbers if possible. For unpublished sources, get the event or time of creation and describe it. *Where* is the source located, the place of publication. If a URL, where to view it. Layered citations are digital records of the original citation; note both. "Don't separate that which should be together"--Mills. Note the digital first. Punctuation counts; do not run all information together. Use colons, parentheses, semi-colons, etc. Family Search does this well. Use your references in footnotes, end notes and bibliography. During questions, the "Internet Archives Way Back Machine" was brought up-to be explored.■

*In case you missed this presentation, **Its Not Too Late!** The link to the Zoom recording is available on our website www.srvgensoc.org for our members until Oct. 19, 2021. (You may wonder why we retain the recording for only 1 month. We are limited to the amount of space we are allowed for Zoom recordings; and some of our speakers have restrictions on how long we make their presentations available.)*

**SRVGS is on Facebook!**

Click on the link below or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/srvgensoc>



President's Message

By Steve Watty

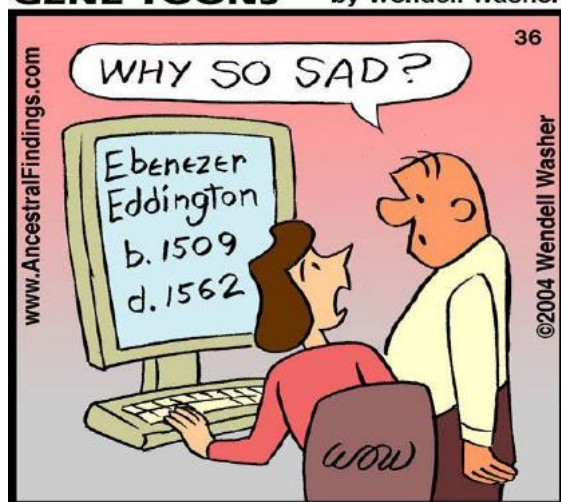


October is observed as Family History Month, so let us celebrate this month with family! We can use this month to engage family members in this exciting hobby through shared findings, DNA testing or requesting family information. Would your family members like to provide their own biography or an ancestral story for your future

use? As genealogists, we are tasked with creating biographies on our ancestors. It would be welcomed if other family members provided their own biography or helped create one for a parent or grandparent.

Are you able to engage a child or grandchild in family history? If a school age child is interested in history, are you able to combine family history with their school subject? One of my grandchildren had the American Revolution as a part of their history class. I used this opportunity to link his seventh great-grandfather's service to this historic cause which added color and the family connection. Now he questions if family connections exist for other classroom projects. Spark that interest, find a connection, encourage, and nurture this activity. Trigger a child's curiosity and you may find your replacement as the family historian. ■

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



It only took ten minutes to find him, and I love the search!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2021

- 19 Tuesday—10am The October General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Joel Weintraub on the **Release of the 1950 Census**.
- 26 Tuesday—10am the Board Meeting will be held via Zoom video.

November 2021

- 16 Tuesday—10am the November General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. The speaker will be Pam Vestal on **Absent Ancestors and Hidden Clues**.
- 23 Tuesday—10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom

December 2021

There are no meetings in the month of December, and no Newsletter is published. However, we do hope to have our usual Cookie Exchange, date, time and place TBD■

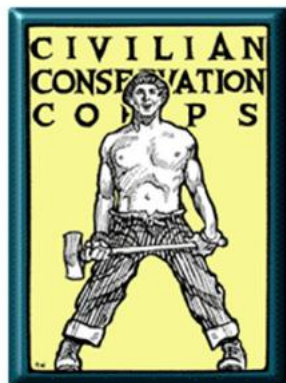
When was the last time you visited our Society's website www.srvgensoc.org? There's lots to see there including the latest list of speakers and their subjects that have been booked so far, into the Spring of 2022.

Update on Family History Centers opening...

The Oakland Family Search Center (at the Oakland LDS Temple) is open now for limited in-person research by appointment only. Call them at 510-531-3905. Chris Engstrom reports that she is awaiting the appropriate approvals to reopen the local Diablo Family History Center. Check back here next month for an update on this process. Be aware that appointments will probably be needed since there will most likely be a limit to the number of people in the room at any time. Regular sanitization of the computers, desks and chairs will be conducted, and masks will be required for patrons with exceptions allowed for those with difficulty breathing.

MY FATHER IN THE CCC

By: Ted Shapas



Nineteen-twenty-nine was a good year until October, and then it wasn't. The US stock market crashed, sending Wall Street into a panic and wiping out millions of investors. The "Roaring Twenties" ended dramatically.

Washington, DC was in a tizzy over how to fix the collapsing economy. One troubling feature – there were now millions of unemployed young men, never a good prospect for domestic tranquility. Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president in 1932, and by 1933, when the Great Depression reached its lowest point, some 15 million Americans, or 26% of the workforce, were unemployed, and nearly half the country's banks had failed.

In rapid succession, Roosevelt rolled out a bevy of recovery programs under the umbrella of The New Deal, including the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Works Progress Administration (WPA), and something called the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was a work-relief program that enlisted unemployed men who, under the supervision of the



FDR with officials and CCC recruits; image from the National Archives.

US Army, fought forest fires, built roads and bridges, worked on soil conservation, established over 700 state parks, and improved our national parks by constructing trails, lodges and other structures. Each man was paid \$30/month, and was required to send \$25 of that back home to their families. Enrollment peaked in 1935 with over 500,000 men in 2600 base camps in every state; during its 9 year duration, over 3 million men participated in the CCC.

My father, Ted Jr, was 14 when the Depres-

sion began, the oldest of 4 siblings, all living with their widowed father on the south side of Chicago. They had no investments to lose, but his father did have a job, which promptly vanished. So, by 1933, when the CCC was formed by executive order, it was an attractive means for young men like my father to have a job, receive training, and help keep their families out of poverty, and so he joined. For a kid who had never been away from home, it must have been quite an adventure! My father was sent by train to Washington State to bases near Idaho, and in the Cascades near Mt. Baker; then to Northern California at a base in the Siskiyou Mountains near Happy Camp. Since he had brought his fishing rod and knew how to use it, the salmon he caught and gave to the camp cook for preparation and sharing made him popular! A National Archives report showed that he had a variety of jobs, some pretty scary: jack hammer operator, snag-feller, dynamiter, bulldozer operator, and forest-fire fighter. He finished his 5 years with the CCC in west central Wisconsin, where he and his colleagues planted trees (the CCC planted over 3 billion of them throughout the US) and helped develop contour farming. Happily for me, he had along an old Kodak camera, and took pictures wherever he went. I still have his albums with meticulously mounted photos - here are a few.

This photo shows a large tree that a CCC crew had taken down the old fashioned way. My father is 2nd from left, just above the camp dog. Somewhere in Washington, ca 1938.



A CCC crew returning from fighting a forest fire. TS Jr. is 2nd from right.



A CCC crew taking down a large tree; TS Jr. on left with axe.



A CCC road crew taking a break, in western Wisconsin, ca 1938. TS Jr. is sitting on the bulldozer. Hand-colored by Arrow Photography in MN.



A CCC string trio with friends; TS Jr. in the middle with guitar.



Editor's note: This article is from one of our members. I encourage all of you to write a short story to be published in a future issue of our Newsletter. There must be something that you are proud of finding, a breakthrough that has been long coming or even a funny, interesting, or possibly ironic story about one of your ancestors. It can be as short as a paragraph or two or as long as two pages or so. Publication will be determined by when I receive it and by space available.



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WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

Let's all extend a Warm Welcome to our newest members

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George

In September, the five SIGS will meet online. The Publishing SIG is using *Google Meet* and the rest, *Zoom*. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting. See details below.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday, Oct 13th (the 2nd Wednesday)
 You may contact Patty Erickson, the SIG leader at russpat@comcast.net.



Family Search - Monday, Oct 11th, (the 2nd Monday) **1 pm – 3 pm** in a Zoom Meeting. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy web site. You may contact SIG Leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Publishing – Thursday Oct 21st, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30am – 12noon** via Google Meet. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjjsc@aol.com for info on how to join the meeting. Francie Lloyd, is the SIG Leader and can be reached at frances_lloyd@comcast.net.



DNA - Monday Oct 18th, (the 3rd Monday) **1 – 3pm**, in a Zoom meeting. This SIG assumes a basic knowledge of Genealogical DNA testing and therefore is only open to those who have completed the SRVGS Intro to DNA class or an approved equivalent. You may contact SIG Leader Mark McLaren at greatscot@earthlink.net.



German Research – Wednesday Oct 27th, (the 4th Wednesday) **10am – 12noon**, in a Zoom meeting. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Cathy Tanaka at cathytanaka622@gmail.com. ■



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's October and Family History Month. What a perfect time to learn how to update our research skills!

The California Genealogy Society's Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is open for research by individual appointment only. Classes and events will continue online. Check website for details and to register for the following activities and note any fees.

- On Sat. Oct. 2nd from 10:15-12:15, **Introduction to Genealogy** will meet to discuss **Using the Census**.
- On Tue. Oct. 5th, 12th and again on Nov. 9th at 6:30, there will be a free CGS Outreach Series about **BIPOC Oral History, African Americans and Hidden Figures in the California Gold Rush**.
- On Sat. Oct. 16th at 1-3, and Tue. 19th from 6-8, Stewart Blandon Traiman will present **Excel for Genealogists**. Fee \$10-\$15.
- Also on the 16th from 1-3, Ron Madson will host the Family Tree Maker special interest group. The topic will be **Spooky Family History, Ancestral Graveyards**.
- On Sat. Oct. 23rd from 10-12 and 1-3, Alec Ferretti will discuss **Italian Genealogy: Tracing Your Immigrants in the US and in Italy**. Fee \$10-\$15.
- On Tue. Oct. 26th, Ron Arons will share **Finding Living People on the Internet**. Fee \$15.
- On Tue. Oct. 30th from 11-12:30, Karina Robinson will present **Rethinking Passenger Lists**.
- On Sat. Nov. 6th from 10:15-12:15, **Introduction to Genealogy** will meet to discuss **Vital Records**.

Oakland Family Search Library, www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library. The library is open by appointment only. Email fhcoakland@gmail.com or call 510-531-3905 for an appointment or to register for an online class. In addition, the website has links to online classes at other Family Search Regional Libraries. The Family History Library in Salt Lake also presents a number of webinars each month. Go to 10-Oct_2021_Webinar_Calendar.pdf (familysearch.org) for the list of October webinars.

- On Wednesdays from 6-8 Jane Lindsey will provide **French Canadian Assistance**. No appt. required.
- On Wed. Oct. 28th from 6-8 the **African American Research Group** will have a Zoom meeting.

The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/ies-index.html offers free webinars. Register online in advance. The upcoming presentation is:

- On Sat. Oct. 2nd from 10-11 Peggy Clemens Lauritzen will discuss **Community Research Using the National Register of Historic Places**.
- On Wed. Oct. 20th from 6-7 Annette Burke Lyttle will explore **Find the Stories of Your French and Indian War Ancestor**.
- On Sat. Nov. 6th from 10-11 Billie R. McNamara will present **It Takes a Village to Unearth the "Real" History**.

SCGS also offers the following webinars at their website for free to the public.

- **Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides National Archives** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **Neither Filmed or Scanned: NARA Treasures Await** by Kerry Bartels
- **The Many Facets of the National Archives** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **National Archives Website Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes> has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. It contains subject guides

on a variety of genealogical topics, informative videos, webinars, online courses, and more. If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education. Register online.

- On Wed. Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 6-7:30 ET, Christopher C. Child, Lindsay Fulton and Kyle Hurst will present **Researching Upstate New York**. Fee \$115.
- On Thu. Oct. 7th from 4-5 ET, Vin Cipolla will examine **This Must Be the Place: Preservation and Resilient Communities in New England**.
- On Tue. Oct. 12th from 6-7 ET, Armando Lucas Correa will share his book **In Search of Emma: How We Created Our Family**.
- On Thu. Oct. 14th from 3-4 ET, Molly Rogers will explore **What's New at AmericanAncestors.org**.
- On Tue. Oct. 19th from 6-7 ET, Mae Ngai will discuss her book, **The Chinese Question: The Gold Rushes and Global Politics**.
- On Tue. Oct. 26th from 6-7 ET, Dr. Melissa R. Klapper will present **At Home in the World: American Jewish Women Abroad, 1865-1940**.
- On Thu. Oct. 28th from 3-4 ET, Ann Lawthers explain **Basics of New England Research**.
- On Tue. Nov. 4th from 1-2 ET, Ann Willan will share her book, **Women in the Kitchen**.

Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the free events will be posted to the NEHGS website the following day.

 The National Archives - www.archives.gov/research/genealogy offers a genealogy tutorial, genealogy research topics and a variety of charts and forms.

 The DAR Library at www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy offers help on a variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule here: www.dar.org/libraryevents

 Ancestry.com offers online courses. Some are FREE, while others require a subscription.

 The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center offers a number of webinars. Go to <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy> to check the listing for October and register for them online. Also explore the Genealogy Center Videos at <https://> ►

acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-services .

- On Tue. Oct. 5th from 2:30-3:30 ET, John Beatty will examine **Beginning Virginia Genealogical Research**.
- On Wed. Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 2:30-3:00 ET, Curt Witcher will continue with the **Wednesday with Witcher Series** with advice on our genealogical research.
- On Thu. Oct. 7th from 6:30-7:30 ET, Sara Allen will explore **Interpreting DNA Results**.
- On Tue. Oct. 12th from 2:30-3:30 ET, Cynthia Theusch will share **Working with Unusual Single Records**.
- On Thu. Oct. 14th from 6:30-7:30 ET, Allison DePrey Singleton will present **Watching Historical Context: Using Historical Videos**.
- On Thu. Oct. 19th from 2:30-3:30 ET, Sara Allen will examine **Researching Tennessee and Kentucky**.
- On Thu. Oct. 21st from 6:30-7:30 ET, Allison DePrey Singleton will share **Family Food: Using Family Recipes for Family History**.
- On Sat. Oct. 23rd from 1-2 ET, Timothy N. Pinnick will show **Using Scholars to Leverage Your African American Research**.
- On Tue. Oct. 26th from 2:30-3:30 ET, John Beatty will explore the **Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692: History and Sources**.

 Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register.

- On Fri. Oct. 1st at 11 David W. Jackson will discuss **Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage**.
- On Tue. Oct. 5th at 6, Carol Baxter will present **A Cargo of Criminals: Transportation to Australia**.
- On Wed. Oct. 6th at 11, Rick Crume will examine **DNA Health Tests and Your Family Health History**.
- On Fri. Oct. 8th at 8, Elizabeth Shown Mills will present **Context: A Powerful Tool for Problem Solving**.

- Also on the 8th at 9:15, David S. Ouimette will share **Seven Immigration Methodologies, with Case Studies Across the Centuries.**
- In addition on the 8th at 10:30, Melinda Henningfield will present **Investigate the Neighborhood to Advance Your Research.**
- Again on the 8th at 12:30, Patti Lee Hobbs will answer **What am I missing? Recognizing Research Holes in Available Sources.**
- Once more on the 8th at 1:45, Amy Larner Giroux will examine **Using Mind Mapping as a Visual Research Plan.**
- Finally on the 8th at 3, Rick Sayre will explore **Private Land Claims – Complicated? Yes, but worth it!**
- On Oct. 12th at 11, Mike Mansfield will share **Recent Updates to MyHeritage's Historical Record Search Engine.**
- On Wed. Oct. 13th at 5, Cyndi Ingle will present **Navigating Your Way Through FamilySearch.**
- On Fri. Oct. 15th at 11, Natalie Bodle will examine **My Ancestors Were Irish – or Were They?**
- On Tue. Oct. 19th at 5, Shellee Morehead will share **My 20 Year Mystery- Finding Family Origins With Y-DNA .**
- On Wed. Oct. 20th at 11, Sunny Morton will present **Comparing the Genealogy Giants 2021: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage.**
- On Wed. Oct. 27th at 11, Mary Eberle will examine **Building Family Trees for Your DNA Matches.**
- On Fri. Oct. 29th, Thomas MacEntee will share **Tech with Thomas.**
- On Tue. Nov. 2nd at 6, Cathie Sherwood will explore **Uncovering the Lives of Your London (England) Ancestors.**



Here are some other webinars and podcasts that are online:

- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <https://extremegenes.com/blog>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast

www.genealogyguys.com

- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts>
- Lisa also has an hour genealogy chat on Youtube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled *Elevenes*.
- Thomas MacEntee's www.genealogybargains.com
- Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
- Family History Fanatics www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog
- Connie Knox <http://genealogytv.org>

And there's more....



The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar. This calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.



Conference Keeper <https://ConferenceKeeper.org>, lists conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. You can sign up at mail@sendfoxmail.com to receive *Tami at Conference Keeper* which lists events that have been added in the last week.

Events from Local Societies....

- On Thur. Oct. 7th at 1, the Genealogical Society of Vallejo and Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will have a ZOOM meeting. Guest speaker Gay Scott will explore **A Year in Salem: The Witchcraft Crisis of 1692**. Please contact 707-334-0675 or President @gsvb.org for more information.
- On Sat. Oct. 9th and 16th the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will hold its **2021 CCCGS Fall Webinar** via ZOOM. On the 9th from 9-1, Craig Roberts Scott will offer three lectures on **Researching Military Records from Three Major American Wars**. Then on the 16th from 9-12, Maureen Taylor will provide two presentations on **Photo Detecting 101**. See the Society's website, <https://cccg.net>, for upcoming registration details.
- On Mon. Oct. 11th from 7-8:30, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org will host a ZOOM meeting with Gena Philibert

-Ortega as guest speaker. She will discuss **Solving Your Brick Wall** (part 2 of the two part workshop). For additional information contact: Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org. Register on the society's website.

- On Sat. Oct. 16th at 12, the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, www.scgsonline.org, will present Jill Morelli via Zoom. She will share **Too Many Marys: Solving Identity and Same Names Conundrums**. Register on the society's website.
- On Mon. Oct. 18th from 4-5:30, the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org, will hold a ZOOM meeting. Michael Strauss will explore **Levi Strauss: It's All in the "Genes"**. Register on the society's website.
- On Tue. Oct. 19th from 6:30-8:30, the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org, will hold its October meeting via ZOOM. Cheri Hudson Passey will present **Mistakes I Have Made: Confessions of a Repentant Genealogist**. Pre-registration is required at the society's website.

- On Thur. Oct. 21st 1-3, the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, www.napagensoc.org, will have its meeting via ZOOM. Its guest speaker, Pam Vestal will share **How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read**. Register on the society's website.

Upcoming Special Events...

- From Oct. 17th – Oct. 30th, the Illinois State Genealogical Society will hold its 2021 Conference virtually. For further information and to register go to <https://ilgensoc.org>
- From March 3-5, 2022, RootsTech Connect 2022 will take place. For further information go to <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021>.
- From May 25-28, 2022, the California Genealogical Society will host the 2022 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento. Registration information to follow.■

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